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**BLUE KNIGHTS PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.**



## Chairman: Myron Joseph, NY IX

Greetings and salutations my fellow BK sisters and brothers,

The warmer weather is just around the corner but has made an appearance for some. I am looking forward to the 2024 riding season but have been on a few rides this past month with friends and a HOG chapter. Nothing is like the Blue Knight camaraderie.

2021 I peddled for over 300 Miles in the Police Unity Tour. We rode from the Freedom Tower (NYC) to The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (DC) and I was able to raise over twenty-five hundred dollars for my efforts. This year 2024 I will be participating with Law Enforcement United, an organization dedicated to the cause and raising money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. If you would like to donate to the fund, please contact me directly and I will provide you with the particulars. No donation is too small; I would truly appreciate the support.

If you plan to attend The BLUE KNIGHTS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Sugarloaf Resort in the beautiful state of Maine in 2024, you should call the resort asap. Cindy Fletcher is up to tip #121 on the Blue Knights International LEMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention site on FB. Log in and review the tips as they are very helpful to what's going to happen at the convention.

### Conference Information

There were several new chapter Presidents elected this past December and one new chapter chartered this January within the Tri-State Conference. I congratulate and welcome the New Presidents of NY7 Terry Castris, NY15 Bill Curcie, NJ 17 Nick Costello & PA 22 Bud Dinnell. I welcome the new chapter PA XVIII, President Jim Borza. Presidents, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the board if you should need anything. My apologies if I missed anyone, just going by the new contact sheets we have received.

There was one chapter that did not renew due to several of the members relocating to different parts of the country. I must thank all our state representatives who worked tirelessly to find new homes for all but one of these members. Our conference numbers may have declined, but these members will bring a piece of the Tri-State and good attributes to their new homes.

BK NY XXII was the only chapter to submit a bid to host the 2024 Spring Presidents meeting in May. So, we all will be going to Lake George for the meeting at the Georgian Lakeside resort and getting a preview of what to expect during Americade. However, there are a few that already know what a great time we Blue Knights will have. There are a few of us that plan on making the Spring meeting a weekend adventure. I, for one, am looking forward to a weekend of laughter, riding, good food and the comradery we are known for.

As of this writing, no NY chapter as submitted a bid to host the 2024 Tri-State Conference Presidents fall meeting or weekend. We are opening the bidding to any chapter within the conference to host the 2024 Fall Presidents meeting/weekend. Please submit your bid to TSC Secretary Defelice at your earliest convenience.

The raffle tickets for the "Big Buck Raffle" have been received and each representative will be calling their respective chapters to see how many books each chapter would like. If each chapter in the conference took two books we would have 100% participation and that would be awesome. The drawing will be at the Spring Presidents meeting on May 04, 2024, in NY. Our Vice President (NA,) Cal Ennals will be overseeing the disbursement of the raffle tickets this drawing.

### WE WANT YOU!

The newsletter is yours, so remember to send your articles to our TSC Secretary, Joe DeFelice, by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Whether it's one sentence or a dissertation, we want it along with a flyer. Please say something about your future events so it may be included in the newsletter under your chapter contact information.

As you are aware, we have created several committees to assist us in our mission to open a constant line of communication within our conference and beyond. They are as follows:

1. We are still looking for members for the Innovation Steering committee to help with retention and recruitment which will be chaired by Jay (Jay Maz) Mazeski. We are looking for members who are between the ages of 25 – 35yrs to sit on this committee.
2. Let's not forget the Sunshine committee chaired by Cal Ennals to help keep up to date information of the health and welfare of all Tri-State members and their families. So please contact him or any member of the board with any pertinent information.

3. I have completed the member selection for the By -Laws committee as it is time to review and update them. The committee will be meeting shortly to begin the process of updating the By-Laws. If you have any thoughts or comments or suggestions, please reach out to any of the following members: Albert (Bud) Dinnell PA XXII / committee chairman / Jim Storz NY 1, Ken Rice NY XVIII, Jason Rudnitsky NY XVIII and Robert Ridarick NJ II. Please remember we have a website and FB page for all to view and add information at any time. Don Parker ([dapnyiv@yahoo.com](mailto:dapnyiv@yahoo.com)) is our website administrator and Teresa Hartley along with all Board Member are FB administrators.

I am looking forward to seeing friends and making new ones at the Presidents Fall meeting / weekend in a couple of weeks in Parsippany.

Until I see you or I prepare my next message, stay safe and healthy.



**Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII**

Greetings Everyone.

We are still basically in hibernation in central PA. We've had cold, wind and snow for quite a while. Phil told us that spring was right around the corner but it turns out he is a fuzzy, buck toothed little liar. We had one ray of sunshine in that Jackie and I attended the MDC Conference in Rehoboth Beach DE. The food, accommodations and hospitality were top notch. Delaware 1 did a wonderful job. I am proud to say that PA 12 won the plaque for the Best Represented Out-of-Conference chapter. Jackie was happy that she got to walk on the beach for the first time this year. The good news is that riding season is fast approaching. Get your bikes checked out and serviced before you start your summer of riding fun. Remember to be careful, be nice and have fun. Don't forget the TSC President's meeting on May 4th at Lake George. See you all down the road.



**Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I**

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

Our Spring Conference President's meeting will be held on May 7, 2024 up in Lake George NY. If you or your chapter would like to put any items on the agenda, please get it to me by no later than April 5, 2024. This will give me time to put the agenda together and send it out to everyone. Thank you

The TSC Borad has now opened the 2024 TSC Fall Conference weekend (Held over Columbus Day Weekend) up to any Chapter in the TSC Conference. As of now NO New York Chapter has volunteered to host this event. If your Chapter is interested in hosting this event, please let the TSC Board know ASAP.

If you have any item to be put into the newsletter, please send it to me either in a word doc, PDF file, or a jpeg file. This will make it easier for me to save and input the files in the newsletter.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the 2024 contact form for your new Chapter contacts and also the 2024 Event form. Please fill these form out and get them back to me so I can update your information.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Ride With Pride



**Treasurer: Gus Faella, NJ XI**

Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and your family. February is winding down and before you know it Spring will be here. This will be a good time to start checking out your bike. If your bike needs service this will be a good time to schedule an appointment at your dealership. Since our last newsletter I have attended the Mason-Dixon Conference in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. MDC was well attended, it was good seeing everyone. Delaware 1, did a outstanding job hosting the conference. Hotel staff, accommodations, food and hospitality were great. Don't forget the Big Buck Raffle is in full swing, if you or your chapter need additional tickets contact your state Rep. TSC Presidents meeting will be held on May 4, 2024 in Lake George, New York, all are welcome to attend hope to see you there.  
Stay warm, stay Safe and as always, Ride With Pride



**New York State Rep, Central, West: Keith Lipsey , NY XVIII**

Dear Blue Knights & Families of New York,

Since my last TSC Article I purchased a new vehicle, got to drive about 5 miles and got hit in the rear, whereby the word is that it is probably totaled. I am so glad I got GAP insurance on it. Our plans to attend the MDC in DE were changed, so we were not able to attend as planned. Franny Boo and I attended NY IX's 'After the Holiday Party' and the Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl in an 'Edge of the Seat' game I might add. NY XVIII participated in the Stony Point Seals Polar Plunge with 2 plungers, being, Erik Rouch and Liz Cook....brrrrrr. Of course Stan the Cannon Man, started the plunge with a Big BANG. Valentine's Day was a special day for Franny Boo and me, as usual. We were able to meet up with friends for a Winter Ride. with snow pants on, I might add. That about wraps it up.

Spring is just a few short weeks away, so let's be conscience of our start of the new season preparations.

A reminder that the TSC Spring President's Meeting is coming up in May, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> in Lake George. Please check the links on the TSC Calendar, found online at [www.BKTSC.org](http://www.BKTSC.org)

I still have some Big Buck Raffle Ticket Books left, so reach out to me for a book or two if you so desire.

Let's stay in touch with each other during this so called Off Season and be zealous for our Blue Knights worldwide.

Just a reminder to update your Chapter Contact list and please forward it to our TSC Secretary and State Representative. Mine email is [bknyxx@gmail.com](mailto:bknyxx@gmail.com) and my phone contact is 845-505-1557.

Be Blessed and keep all the troubled areas in the world, in your prayers



**New York State Rep, Metro Area: Vinny Calderon, NY X**

Greetings to all fellow Blue Knights.

Well the warmer weather is just around the corner. Looking forward to the 2024 riding season and the Blue Knight comraderie that comes along with it. I want to welcome and congratulate NY7 President Terry Castris & NY15 President Bill Curcie to the Tri-State. As always NY10 (my chapter) has our annual chili contest at our April 10th meeting. If you're interested in attending please contact me so I have a proper head count. Looking for to seeing everyone at our 2024 Presidents meeting in Lake George. Until then. Ride safe & RWP.



### New York State Rep, North East: Steve Nieves, NY VI

Greetings to all Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters.

Well, February is that time of the year my mind is constantly reminding me ‘**Come on Spring**’ as I walk out to my garage and see both my bikes parked with their covers on. For those of you who have made plans to head down to Daytona for Bike Week I wish you safe travels and warm sunny weather.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, NY Chapter VI celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary within the Blue Knights Organization. Wow, how time flies when you’re having fun. I want to congratulate the membership and best wishes to the new chapter President, Nelson Alarcon along with the board members who will continue to lead the club forward to many more memorable years.

Finally, I still have Tri-State Big Buck raffle tickets for sale. The drawing will be in May’s Spring President’s meeting. You can reach me at 518-466-1833 or [esnieves618@gmail.com](mailto:esnieves618@gmail.com). Stay safe until next time.



### New York State Rep, North West: Kevin Durawa, NY IV

Hello Brother and Sister Blue Knights,

I neglected to provide a submission for the January newsletter so some content is a bit out of date.

On Dec. 31, 2023 NY4 member Dick Bogan joined Heaven 1. Dick had served as the Chief of Police in both the Newark and Lyons Police Departments. Dick has also been a member of the Blue Knights for 35 years. On Jan. 5, 2024 members from NY4 attended his calling hours of and presented his family with Dick’s 35 year certificate and pin.

On Jan. 27, 2024 NY4 celebrated our post holiday winter party at the Avon Inn in Avon, NY, with 36 members, significant others and friends attending.

As February is coming to an end and Spring is soon upon us it’s time to prepare your motorcycle for the upcoming riding season.

Check the International webpage and Tri State webpage for upcoming events/rides to include:

The spring President’s meeting hosted by NY22 in Lake George on May 4, 2024.

Blue Knights on the Lake/Americade, May 27 - June 2, 2024, also hosted by NY22.

Blue Knights 50th Anniversary convention July 21 -26, 2024 at Sugarloaf Resort, Carrabassett Valley, Maine.

Hope to see you at one of these events or on a ride sometime soon.

I still have Big Buck raffle tickets available for purchase, \$20 each for a chance at 1 of 3 cash prizes \$3000, \$2000 or \$1000, get a ticket before they’re gone, you could be the next big winner. Winners to be drawn at the Spring President’s meeting May, 4, 2024.

Stay safe.



**New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI**

Hey, we are so close to riding season, be sure to check your tire pressure, fluids, and all safety items on your bike. Check everything to insure a safe riding season this year.

The Spring meeting will be here before we know it, and I am staying at the host hotel Friday thru Sunday. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Please make sure to get any Chapter information changes to our Tri State secretary, so the chapter contact lists are accurate.

I still have Big Buck Raffle tickets to sell. If you need any, please let me know. I have one book left.

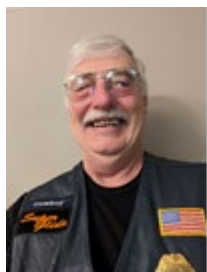
There are a few events coming up in New Jersey, so be sure to check our newsletter and chapter websites for more info.

Lastly, please send in your Tri State dues to Gus Faella, our Tri State Treasurer, in Bayville. His address is 459 Northern Blvd, Bayville, NJ 08721. They are still only \$45.00.

RWP



**Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII**



**Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI**

Greetings Brother and Sisters of the Tri States Conference.

By the time you receive this the month of February will be coming to an end. For me this means that usually there are less than 60 days left before the riding season of the year 2024 begins. The bike has been gone over, new brakes installed, oil changed, and she is ready to roll as soon as the weather allows. I can't wait!

The New Year has started with some great things. I would like to congratulate my Chapter, Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXVI, for having celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Chartered Chapter of the best Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club in the World as well as a member of the finest Conference available. Besides this they have welcomed 4 new members to the fold! Brotherhood abounds. The planning stages of the ride the Chapter will be sponsoring have begun and additional information will follow as everything is finalized. I can tell you that it will celebrate a very important historic event and have a beautiful Law Enforcement escorted ride.

Chapters all over the Tri State Conference are working very hard to make sure this year will be full of great rides and events. Please check the Tri State Conference newsletter, published monthly, for the most updated list of these events.

I would request that ALL Chapters of our Conference Please send into the Tri States Secretary an updated copy of the Chapter Contact form so we all have the most updated information on your Chapter, even if nothing has changed since you submitted the last form. Communication is one of the biggest keys to keeping the Brotherhood alive. If you need a copy of the form just contact me and I make sure you have a copy of the form sent out to you .

Until I see you on the road, Stay safe and Dream of Riding with pride.

### **Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI**



#### **GREETING FROM WESTERN PA**

Well, the holidays are behind us and we look forward to an early spring. So says the rodent from the northeast. If there was ever a reason for roadkill, it is here. The weather has been beautiful for this time of year. 40-degree weather isn't bad for short ride  
I finished my second surgery on my knee. The first one did not take. I am not permitted to drive, but not much going on in the Burg. Steel City Harley unveiled the 2024 Harley motorcycle up for raffle during the summer ride on late July 28, 2024. Beautiful and glamorous blue.

MIKE Hoover



### **Chaplain : Odie Odenheimer, PA VII**

Greetings and Salutations Tri-State Blue Knights.

Normally this time of the liturgical year my message centers on the many aspects of the season we have come to love and hate known as Lent. The many different approaches to Lent are often most confusing. Depending on our religious upbringing some of us are struggling as to what luxury item we want to give up for the season. Some of us wonder why we have to give up anything in the first place. We all wonder what the purpose of Lent is. One thing we all have in common regardless of our church roots is that as human beings, we will overthink most issues and more often than not miss God's message and arrive at the wrong conclusion if we make any decision at all. While I was in the wondering mode I came across a simple but to the point story that reduced any confusion I had to a simple truth. Read this and I hope you will come to the same conclusion I did. My scriptures for this message are:

Proverbs 19:21-"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

Isaiah 55: 8-9-"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the Earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Romans 11:33-34 "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been His counselor?"

A pastor asked an older farmer, dressed in bib overalls to say grace for the morning fellowship breakfast "Lord I hate buttermilk", the old farmer began. The pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wondered where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "And Lord, you know I hate lard" Now the pastor was growing a little concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour" The pastor once again opened an eye and glanced around the room and saw he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what You are saying to us, help us just to relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than warm fresh biscuits". Amen!

Within that short prayer there is great wisdom for us all when it comes to the complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong my friends, because our Lord is mixing several things that we might not care for or understand, but something even better is going to come to us when He is done with it.

It has been said, Man plans, God laughs. Put your trust in our Lord and have faith. Warm fresh biscuits are on the way!

A pessimist sees a dark hole in the mountain side. An optimist sees a light at the end of the tunnel. A realist sees a freight train. The engineer sees three idiots standing on the train tracks. Be the optimist!

Faithfully yours in Christ.





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**CHAPTER UPDATES**

**New York XXII-** It is now March and the weather is still pretty cold. Not much snow, but definitely not SPRING!! Speaking on Spring, we are looking forward to having all of you in OUR neighborhood for the Tri-State Conference Spring President’s meeting! The meeting is actually- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Georgian Lakeside Resort in Lake George, NY. If you are interested in coming, some people are coming in on Friday and staying with us into Sunday. If you call the Resort for rooms, contact Meghan Leary for the Blue Knights special rates. (Flyer is posted on the ride schedule.) We are still diligently working on our Blue Knights on the Lake event, for you. We are also having this event during the Americade Motorcycle Touring Rally, at the Georgian Lakeside Resort. This is a whole week event that starts Monday, May 27 and runs through Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information you can go to [www.blueknightsonthelake.org](http://www.blueknightsonthelake.org) to see what is happening. We DO NOT HAVE ANY REGISTRATION FEES!!! We will have rides from Tuesday through Saturday both escorted and self-guided. The hotel is hosting a Meet and Greet for you near the pool on Wednesday evening with free Hors d’Oeuvres and a free drink, Friday night is our All- you- can- eat BBQ picnic also at the pool area, with live entertainers. Special drink pricing all week at the Georgian! Come on out and have some fun!!!

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**\*\* REMINDERS \*\***

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The form is available on the Join us/Chapters page of the TSC Website.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUBMIT YOUR CHAPTER INFORMATION BEFORE THE 25<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH.

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Joseph DeFelice, Tri-State Conference Secretary

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**Blue Knights® International  
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**TRI-STATE CONFERENCE**  
**(YEAR) RIDE EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**(As Of 01/01/2024)**



**NEW FOR (YEAR)** – I have also added the surrounding  
 Conference Meetings and Weekends to the Schedule in **GREEN**  
**BLACK** is Chapter Events, **RED** is TSC Conference Events, **BLUE** is International Events

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JANUARY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MARCH</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>APRIL</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MAY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
02	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		<a href="mailto:CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY">CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY</a>	N
08	PA XIV	BKPAVIV COUNTRY TOUR		<a href="tel:570-419-8658">570-419-8658</a>	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
28	PA XVI	21 Annual Blue Ridge		<a href="http://724-263-6218/pa16-blueknights.com">724-263-6218/pa16-blueknights.com</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
25	NJ V	Wildwood Boardwalk Ride		<a href="http://856-364-6843/blueknightsv.org">856-364-6843/blueknightsv.org</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer

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